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TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: BEXP,SY

SUBJECT: 1977 DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL FAIR

REF: USDOC WASHDC 276

1. THE POSSIBILITY NOW EXISTS THAT USIA WILL BE ABLE TO  
MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE 1977 DAMASCUS FAIR. USIA HAS  
BEEN TASKED WITH SUPPORTING U.S. TRADE FAIR EXHIBITS IN TEN  
WORLDWIDE LOCATIONS WHERE SUCH PARTICIPATION WOULD HAVE  
IMPORTANT POLITICAL/PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT. USIA IS BUDGET-  
ING APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN TO TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS PER  
FAIR AND IS INTERESTED IN DAMASCUS.

2. THE USIA PROGRAM IS STILL IN THE PLANNING STAGES AND  
WE DO NOT HAVE FULL DETAILS ON DISBURSEMENT CRITERIA. USIA  
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HAS SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT IF THE UNITED STATES WAS  
FACED WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF NOT PARTICIPATING AT ALL IN  
THE DAMASCUS FAIR DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS, THE USIA MONEY  
COULD BE USED AS START-UP FUNDS. OTHERWISE THE USIA  
PARTICIPATION WOULD SUPPLEMENT OUR REPRESENTATION AT THE  
DAMASCUS FAIR, WHICH WILL BE SEEDED FROM WHATEVER OTHER  
SOURCES YOU HAVE DEVELOPED.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: 1) THAT YOU DETERMINE WHETHER THE USIA CONTRIBUTION IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO ASSURE PARTICIPATION IN THE 1977 DAMASCUS FAIR; AND 2) THAT YOU PROVIDE US A STATEMENT JUSTIFICATION ON WHETHER THE POTENTIAL USIA EXPENDITURE WOULD ACHIEVE GENERAL USG POLITICAL/PSYCHOLOGICAL OBJECTIVES, AND ENHANCE THE IMAGE OF THE USG IN SYRIA.

4. PLEASE SLUG ANSWER FOR NEA/STADIS, IF POSSIBLE BY 19 JANUARY.  
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